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To: Mayor Michael D. Antonovich
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From: David Sanders, Ph.D. 
Director

RESIGNATION

It is with mixed emotions that I submit my resignation from the Los Angeles County position of the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services effective July 28, 2006. You have provided me with the opportunity to lead an incredible child welfare agency. Through your leadership and support, the Department has made tremendous improvement during the past three plus years and I am deeply appreciative. Your commitment to children and youth in foster care and their families has been demonstrated repeatedly and the Department leadership is prepared to continue the work necessary to assure the exceptional level of performance that you expect from DCFS. I also want to express my appreciation to the Chief Administrative Officer, David Janssen, whose leadership has improved the collaboration with other County departments necessary for the foster care system to be successful.

I have accepted the position of Executive Vice President with Casey Family Programs, the nation's largest Foundation focused solely on foster care, which will allow me to continue to work on issues of youth in care. This job is an incredible opportunity to impact the foster care system nationally and is likely the only job I would consider leaving Los Angeles for.

Thank you once again for your leadership and commitment to children and I will work with you to ensure a successful transition for the Department.

c: Chief Administrative Officer